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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 March 2005.
2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5, 7-34, 36-59, 61-87 and 89-115 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) 113-115 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5, 7-34, 36-59, 61-87 and 89-112 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. This is a second office action in response to applicant's amendment filed, 24 March 2005, of application filed, with the above serial number, on 22 November 2000 in which claims 42 and 101 have been amended, claims 6, 35, 60, and 88 have been cancelled, and claims 113-115 have been added. Claims 1-5,7-34,36-59,61-87 and 89-115 are therefore pending in the application.

Election/Restrictions

2. Newly submitted claims 113-115 directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: Independent claims 113-115 include limitations of at least exposing the data in the RPS module which is distinct from claims 1-5,7-34,36-59,61-87 and 89-112.

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 113-115 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

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(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

4. Claims 1-5,7-34,36-59,61-87 and 89-112 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Polizzi et al (hereinafter "Polizzi, 6,643,661).

As per Claim 1, Polizzi teaches a method for providing RPS modules, the method comprising:

enabling a Remote Portal Service (RPS) module (at least col. 8 line 65 - col. 9 line 54; modularized collection of portal objects); and

incorporating the RPS module into a networked portal server (at least col. 8 line 65 - col. 9 line 54; Fig. 2; portal page on portal server).

As per Claim 2. The method according to claim 1, further comprising generating content as defined by the RPS module (at least col. 8, lines 44-54; adding portal object).

As per Claim 3. The method according to claim 2, wherein the generating of the content includes determining an upgrade state (at least col. 7, lines 26-57; col. 22, lines 23-27; portal object update).

As per Claim 4. The method according to claim 3, further comprising performing a modification (at least col. 7, lines 26-57; col. 8, lines 27-51; edit / modify / update content).

As per Claim 5. The method according to claim 3, wherein the determining includes disabling the RPS module (at least col. 8, lines 27-51; removing portal object).

As per Claim 7. The method according to claim 6, wherein the enabling of the RPS module includes specifying an initialization parameter (at least col. 6, lines 59-67; col. 7 line 65 - col. 8 line 4; user requesting job or logging in).

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As per Claim 8. The method according to claim 6, wherein the enabling of the RPS module includes specifying a permission (at least col. 5, lines 41-48).

As per Claim 9. The method according to claim 1, wherein the incorporating of the RPS module includes obtaining an external reference identifier (at least col. 8, lines 1-54).

As per Claim 10. The method according to claim 9, wherein the obtaining of the external reference identifier includes accessing a listed RPS directory server (at least col. 10, lines 27-64; name server with category and subcategory according to properties of objects).

As per Claim 11. The method according to claim 10, wherein the accessing of the RPS directory server includes selecting the RPS directory server (at least col. 10, lines 27-64; name server with category and subcategory according to properties of objects).

As per Claim 12. The method according to claim 1, wherein the incorporating of the RPS module includes obtaining a RPS configuration descriptor (at least col. 10 line 46 - col. 11 line 16; properties of object).

As per Claim 13. The method according to claim 12, wherein the incorporating of the RPS module includes generating a first descriptor based on the RPS configuration descriptor (at least col. 10 line 27 - col. 11 line 16; acquiring configuration information).

As per Claim 14. The method according to claim 13, wherein the incorporating of the RPS module includes storing the first descriptor (at least col. 10 line 27 - col. 11 line 16; repository).

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As per Claim 15. The method according to claim 1, wherein incorporating of the RPS module includes obtaining a first descriptor (at least col. 10 line 27 - col. 11 line 16; properties of object).

As per Claim 16. The method according to claim 15, wherein the incorporating of the RPS module includes storing the first descriptor (at least col. 10 line 27 - col. 11 line 16; repository).

As per Claim 17. The method according to claim 1, further comprising eliminating the RPS module from the networked portal server (at least col. 8, lines 19-54; col. 21, lines 20-26; col. 14, lines 37-44; deleting object or job).

As per Claim 18. The method according to claim 17, wherein the eliminating of the RPS module includes deleting a first descriptor (at least col. 8, lines 19-54; col. 14, lines 37-44; col. 21, lines 20-26; deleting job).

As per Claim 19. The method according to claim 1, further comprising disabling the RPS module (at least col. 8, lines 19-54).

As per Claim 20. The method according to claim 19, wherein the disabling of the RPS module includes deleting an external reference identifier (at least col. 8, lines 19-54; eg. modifying/removing bookmark).

As per Claim 21. The method according to claim 19, wherein the disabling includes selecting the RPS module (at least col. 8, lines 19-54; eg. clicking "X" for the object, thus selecting it).

As per Claim 22. The method according to claim 1, further comprising modifying an access permission (at least col. 5, lines 35-51; col. 11, lines 17-41).

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As per Claim 23. The method according to claim 22, wherein the modifying of the access permission includes specifying a new permission setting (at least col. 11, lines 17-41; col. 5, lines 35-51; giving permissions).

As per Claim 24. The method according to claim 1, further comprising adding the RPS module to a portal (at least col. 8, lines 1-54; adding portal object).

As per Claim 25. The method according to claim 24, wherein the adding of the RPS module to the portal includes obtaining a RPS configuration descriptor (at least col. 8, lines 1-54; eg. adding bookmarks to portal).

As per Claim 26. The method according to claim 25, wherein the adding of the RPS module to the portal includes storing the RPS configuration descriptor (at least col. 8, lines 1-54; eg. adding bookmarks to portal).

As per Claim 27. The method according to claim 26, wherein the adding of the RPS module to the portal includes connecting to the RPS module based on the RPS configuration descriptor (at least col. 8, lines 1-54; eg. adding bookmark links to portal).

As per Claim 28. The method according to claim 24, further comprising removing the RPS module from the portal (at least col. 8, lines 42-54; remove portal object).

As per Claim 29. The method according to claim 28, wherein the removing of the RPS module from the portal includes deleting a RPS configuration descriptor (at least col. 8, lines 42-54; remove portal object).

As per Claim 68. The device according to claim 59, wherein the exchanging of information is performed based on a XML over SOAP protocol (at least col. 5, lines 61-65; col. 4, lines 16-21).

As per Claim 30, Polizzi teaches a system for providing RPS module, the system comprising:

- a first server for enabling a Remote Portal Service (RPS) module (at least col. 8 line 65 - col. 9 line 54; Fig. 2; modularized collection of portal objects; eg. authentication server);

- a network (at least Fig. 2); and

- a second server, connected to the first server and the network, for incorporating the RPS module (at least Fig. 2; col. 12, lines 17-67; eg. knowledge server indexing documents).

As per Claim 59, Polizzi teaches a device for managing the deployment of RPS modules, the device comprising:

- a network interface exchanging information with a network (at least Fig. 2);

- a memory storing program instructions (at least Fig. 2; col. 4, lines 13-65); and

- a processor, coupled to the memory and the network interface, for enabling a Remote Portal Service module (at least col. 8 line 65 - col. 9 line 54; Fig. 2; modularized collection of portal objects).

As per Claim 69, Polizzi teaches a device for managing deployed RPS modules, the device comprising:

- a network interface exchanging information with a network (at least Fig. 2);

- a memory storing program instructions (at least Fig. 2; col. 4, lines 13-65); and

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a processor, connected to the network interface and memory, for incorporating the RPS module (at least col. 8 line 65 - col. 9 line 54; Fig. 2; modularized collection of portal objects).

As per Claim 87, Polizzi teaches a computer program product comprising:
a computer useable medium including computer program instructions for managing the deployment of RPS Services (at least col. 5, lines 35-61; broker overseeing access and events to portal); and

computer program instructions for enabling a Remote Portal Service module (at least col. 8 line 65 - col. 9 line 54; modularized collection of portal objects).

As per Claim 96, Polizzi teaches a computer program product comprising:
a computer useable medium including computer program instructions for managing deployed RPS Services (at least col. 5, lines 35-61; broker overseeing access and events to portal); and

computer program instructions for incorporating the RPS module (at least col. 8 line 65 - col. 9 line 54; Fig. 2; portal page on portal server).

Claims 31-34, 36-58, 61-67, 70-86, 89-95, and 97-112 do not add or define any additional limitations over claims 1-5, 7-27 and 68 and therefore are rejected for similar reasons.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments filed 24 March 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicants argue, substantially, that Polizzi fails to teach enabling an RPS module and incorporating the RPS module in a network server.

In response to Applicants arguments, Polizzi teaches a remote client configuring, modifying, and customizing portal objects on a portal page, which is being served to the client by a server (at least col. 7 line 65 - col. 9 line 54). Such additions of certain portal objects such as creating a list of favorite categories in the repository in the personal portal page so that when the page is subsequently viewed, the server has incorporated the module for the client to view. Thus Polizzi teaches at least these broad features of claim 1, in addition to teaching the features of claims 2-5, 7-34, 36-59, 61-87 and 89-112.

Conclusion

6. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of

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the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Newly cited Nazem et al, Tripp et al, Lee et al, and Reilly in addition to previously cited Citrix - Delphi, Citrix - Sequoia, Johnson, King, Khemlani et al, D'Arlach et al, Inala et al, Yurkovic, and Anuff et al are cited for disclosing pertinent information related to the claimed invention. Applicants are requested to consider the prior art reference for relevant teachings when responding to this office action.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gregory G. Todd whose telephone number is (571)272-4011. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 9:00am-6:00pm w/ first Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached on (571)272-4001. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

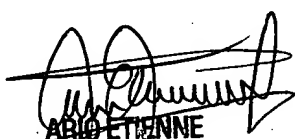
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